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I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled IMAGE PROCESSING APPARATUS, IMAGE PROCESSING METHOD, IMAGE PROCESSING SYSTEM AND STORAGE MEDIUM

the specification of which ☐ is attached hereto ☒ was filed on February 15, 2001 as United States Application No. or PCT International Application No. 09/783,073 and was amended on \_\_\_\_\_ (if applicable).

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